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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR NATIONAL COUNTER-TERRORISM SPECIAL  
FORCES PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE IN US TRAINING, NOVEMBER 28,  
2009–NOVEMBER 27, 2010 IN CAMBODIA

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11. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

12. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored  
training programs.

13. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored  
security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has  
conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals  
members of the National Counter Terrorism Special Forces for the  
period of November 28, 2009 through November 27, 2010. The  
personnel have not previously received U.S. Training.

NAME: Than, Sokhen (Male)  
DPOB: May 4, 1960; Takeo  
POSITION: Deputy Chief of Staff  
RANK: Major  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Ung, Phan (Male)  
DPOB: January 1, 1986; Kandal  
POSITION: Chief of S2  
RANK: Major  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Luk, Sophat (Male)  
DPOB: July 11, 1972; Svay Rieng  
POSITION: Deputy Chief of S4  
RANK: Second Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chan, Usaphea (Male)  
DPOB: September 10, 1985; Svay Rieng  
POSITION: Assistant  
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Tiep, Sarith (Male)  
DPOB: August 4, 1964; Prey Veng  
POSITION: Engineering  
RANK: Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Poueng, Sovann (Male)  
DPOB: December 22, 1988; Svay Rieng  
POSITION: Assistant of S4  
RANK: First Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Sur, Visal (Male)  
DPOB: July 31, 1988; Kampong Thom  
POSITION: Assistant  
RANK: Second Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Kong, Someourn (Male)  
DPOB: May 15, 1984; Phnom Penh  
POSITION: Assistant of S2  
RANK: Third Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pol, Sarin (Male)  
DPOB: December 19, 1990; Phnom Penh  
POSITION: Assistant of Admin Office  
RANK: First Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pol, Sarath (Female)  
DPOB: April 4, 1987; Phnom Penh  
POSITION: Assistant Account, Finance Office  
RANK: First Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Norng Romny (Male)  
DPOB: September 24, 1984; Phnom Penh  
POSITION: Assistant Cashier, Finance Office  
RANK: First Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chay, Vanna (Male)  
DPOB: July 5, 1967; Pursat  
POSITION: Driver

RANK: Chief Warrant Officer  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Un, Meng An (Male)  
DPOB: February 1, 1968; Phnom Penh  
POSITION: Driver  
RANK: Staff Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chun, Viet (Male)  
DPOB: January 2, 1982; Kampot  
POSITION: Driver  
RANK: Second Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Kien, Ny (Male)  
DPOB: May 5, 1960; Takeo  
POSITION: Driver  
RANK: Warrant Officer  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Ty, Chamnab (Male)  
DPOB: July 29, 1990; Takeo  
POSITION: Driver  
RANK: Staff Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Rath, Makara (Male)  
DPOB: January 15, 1986; Kandal  
POSITION: Driver  
RANK: Staff Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Lay, Saren (Male)  
DPOB: March 2, 1974; Kampong Cham  
POSITION: Cook  
RANK: Staff Sergeant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Sim, Bunthoeun (Male)  
DPOB: June 19, 1976; Kandal  
POSITION: Cook  
RANK: Staff Sergeant

DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pum, Ketnary (Male)  
DPOB: August 31, 1956; Kandal  
POSITION: Medical Officer  
RANK: Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Thouk, Sotharath (Female)  
DPOB: November 20, 1980; Kandal  
POSITION: Medic  
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Phon, Chanthy (Female)  
DPOB: January 23, 1980; Kandal  
POSITION: Medic  
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Un, Bunthol (Male)  
DPOB: May 15, 1958; Kandal  
POSITION: Medic  
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Bin, Boeun (Male)  
DPOB: January 2, 1977; Takeo  
POSITION: Training Officer  
RANK: Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chin, Vanna (Male)  
DPOB: November 3, 1984; Takeo  
POSITION: Training Officer  
RANK: Second Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Toun, Sok (Male)  
DPOB: November 10, 1980; Takeo  
POSITION: Operator  
RANK: Lieutenant

DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pin, Thea (Male)  
DPOB: May 27, 1980; Prey Veng  
POSITION: Operator  
RANK: Second Lieutenant  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Seng, Sarak (Male)  
DPOB: March 2, 1982, Svay Rieng  
POSITION: Operator  
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chay, Sokhom (Male)  
DPOB: March 8, 1986; Takeo  
POSITION: Operator  
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Som, Sarath (Male)  
DPOB: April 4, 1988; Svay Rieng  
POSITION: Operator  
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Khem, Rathna (Male)  
DPOB: May 6, 1984; Kampong Thom  
POSITION: Operator  
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master  
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Tob, Chomnarn (Male)  
DPOB: June 1, 1984; Kampong Cham

POSITION: Operator

RANK: Chief Sergeant Master

DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

¶4. Some of the individuals listed above had prior service with Brigade 70 or the Prime Minister's Bodyguard Unit in differing periods from 1998 to the recent past; however, none of the listed individuals were members of B-70 or the Prime Minister's Bodyguard Unit prior to 31 December 1997. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above named individuals.

¶5. Individuals are new personnel assigned to the National Counter Terrorism Special Forces who have not previously undergone Human Rights Vetting.

¶6. Action request: Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

¶7. Points of contacts for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Wayne Turnbull turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219 or Jenae Johnson Johnsonjd3@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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